



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE

### KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: October 27, 2016  
Complaint Number: 16-151348  
Type of Incident: Theft  
Reporting Officer: Det. Randy Haverkamp  
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Ben Cammenga

On October 19, 2016, the Kent County Sheriff Department was contacted and began investigating the theft of over \$1,000,000 of Bradford White tankless water heaters from a warehouse in Cascade Township. It was learned the thefts of water heaters had been occurring over the period of several months.

On October 22, 2016, Kent County deputies stopped a couple of vehicles leaving the warehouse and recovered over \$100,000 of additional tankless water heaters which had just been stolen.

Investigators learned former employee Jason Vanleeuwen, 34 years old from Caledonia, was using a key to gain access to the warehouse after hours. He was taking money from Todd Reurink, 41 years old from Ionia, and Ryan Ruehs, 46 year old from Ionia, who were reselling the water heaters by word of mouth and using the internet.

Investigators were able to recover over of \$750,000 of the stolen water heaters from a barn and house in Ionia County and a house in Middleville.

The Kent County Prosecutor's Office has charged Jason Vanleeuwen, Todd Reurink and Ryan Ruehs with Conducting a Criminal Enterprise and Jason Hoendervanger, 45 years old from Saranac, with breaking and entering a building related to the case.